**Railway bridges on National Highways in Punjab**

2384. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway crossings in Punjab on National Highways;

(b) whether Government have taken any measures to build under/ over bridges on these highways; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) 31

(b) and (c) Railway is constantly pursuing the State Government anti National Highways Authorities (NHAI) to sponsor proposals for construction of road over/under bridges (ROB/RUBs) in lieu of busy level crossings (LC) by conducting regular meetings with them. Chief Secretary, Punjab Government has also been approached on the Issue. NHAI has sponsored a few proposals *viz:*

i. Construction/Widening of four ROBs/RUBs on Jalandhar-Pathankot section

ii. Four on Jalandhar-Amritsar section

iii. Construction of four ROBs on Amritsar-Pathankot section

iv. Construction of one ROB on Batala-Quadian section.

V. Work of ROB at Kurali on NH-21 is going on. Railway portion is likely to be completed by Dec, 2006.

vi ROBs on Rajpura bye pass on LC No. A-4/2 NH-64 on Patiala Dhuri Section and on NH-1A at LC No. 78 Amritsar-Pathankot Section are also under consideration.

**New train between Muzaffarnagar and Delhi**

†2385. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to start a new train between Muzaffarnagar and Delhi;

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(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the said new train would be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) It is proposed to extend 1DM/2DM Delhi-Merrut City passenger to Muzaffarnagar during the current financial year. This will provide additional daily service for Muzaffarnegar-Delhi passengers.

**Karnaprayag railway line**

†2386. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: WM the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that survey for the proposed Karnaprayag railway line was conducted many decades ago and it was contemplated that the railway line project should be implemented soon;

(b) if so, the status of this report;

(c) whether in view of the development of tourism and to accelerate the economic development in this newly formed Stale, Government are reconsidering this project; and

(d) if so, by when it is proposed to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (d) No.Sir A survey for construction of new tine from Rishikesh to Karnaprayag was completed in the year 1999-2000 as per which the cost of construction of 125 Kms long line was assessed as Rs. 1372 crore. The proposal could not be considered in view of unremunerative nature, constraint of resources and heavy throw borwerd of ongoing projects.

**Racks allocated by Railways**

†2387. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of racks allocated by Railways to Uttar Pradesh,

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